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The Editor's Page

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With this double issue—the third in six months—*JATS* is at last back on schedule. I look forward to returning to a more sedate lifestyle and biannual publication. Editing nearly ninety articles in a year in addition to teaching full-time meant putting aside reading, splitting firewood, weeding the garden, and other such luxuries.

The focus of this issue is Eschatology, the theme of the 1999 fall conferences of both the Evangelical Theological Society and the Adventist Theological Society. We are pleased to offer you a foretaste of Norman Gulley's *magnum opus*, his systematic theology. Printed here is the fourth chapter of the second book of this work in progress. Richard Davidson has contributed an important piece on "Cosmic Metanarrative." Be sure to read William Shea's surprising article on the cultic calendar in Revelation.

A number of the articles deal with eschatology in Old Testament books not generally seen as prophetic, and these make a substantial contribution to our understanding of Daniel and Revelation. Lael Caesar's article is especially useful in revealing the relationship between "blameless" Job and the character of Revelation's 144,000.

Finally, this issue is dedicated to the memory of our late brother and colleague C. Mervyn Maxwell, who devoted much of his life to studying and writing about eschatology and the return of Christ. The first fifty pages offer ten tributes from friends, relatives, and students.

Maxwell's most recent contribution to *JATS* was a life sketch of Gerhard Hasel published six years ago. However, he played an important role in the genesis of the Adventist Theological Society. He also served as Associate Editor of *JATS* for the first three issues. He will be missed.